AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~Disclosed is a~~ A digital private key protection device for digital ~~private~~ key storage containing a user's digital private key; a cryptographic engine; a communications port for receiving digital data from an external device, and for transmitting data to the external device; a trusted display for displaying the received digital data; a user operable input connected to the cryptographic engine to indicate when operated, a users approval of the displayed received digital data; wherein the cryptographic engine is trusted to only apply the user's digital private key to sign received data only if the user operable input means is operated, and to transmit the signed data externally. This arrangement secures the user's digital private key from end point attacks since the private key can only be accessed via the user operable input which cannot be circumvented by software control and prevents the user ~~from being tricked into signing one document when he believes he is signing another~~ from authorizing and digitally signing any data unless it is viewable on the trusted display.